

The Greenfield Community College NEWSLETTER

Fall-Winter 1988

EVENTS

NOVEMBER

2 National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Day: "Behind These Bars You Won't Get Served," witness a mock arrest for drunk driving, take drinking and driving quiz, and listen to real life experiences with drinking and driving, College Lobby, 9 a.m. til 1 p.m.

5 Illustrator's Day: an all-day workshop on the art and business of illustrating for children., featuring nationally-known children's book illustrators Jane Dyer, Tom Leamon, Lauren Mills, Dennis Nolan and Ruth Sanderson. For info, contact the Division of Continuing Education.

7-8 Voice Recital: Anne Borton, soprano, Hartley Pfeil, baritone, George Soulos on piano. Room SO1, 11 a.m. Free!

9 Stress Management In Action Workshop: the first of four free workshops for students, staff and public on coping with stress. Room C 129, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Pre-register by calling (800) 847-7526. Sponsored by Kaiser Permanente Greenfield Health Center.

17 Great American Smokeout: What better day to quit? Faculty and staff will be in lobby to help out in this, the

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College attempts to cope with higher enrollments, lower budget

Greenfield Community College opened for its fall semester this year with some good news and some bad news. Enrollments are up, but state funding is down. The College opened for the fall term with a day division enrollment of 1606, an increase of 3.88 percent over last year.

The cuts have been most severely felt in the classroom, as they made it impossible to replace some faculty members who retired at the end of the 1988 school year. As a result students are facing larger classes, and the cancellation of more than 40 sections or classes offered in previous years.

Courses that meet graduation and transfer requirements are still being of-

fered, but there simply are not as many electives as there were last year. Students may also find limited flexibility in scheduling as they try to find class times compatible with their other responsibilities.

The total budget for the 1988-89 year is \$5,941,309, down from last year's budget of \$6,063,876. This year's figure is \$350,000 less than the College's anticipated budget, and will require some belt-tightening on campus. Cutbacks will be felt in academic and maintenance supplies, and in energy costs.

Approximately \$60,000 in tuition increases will be returned to the College this

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GCC has its growing legion of fans all over the world. Humanities prof George Bluh spotted this potential foreign student on a recent tour of China.

Cultural Awareness Experience to link GCC staff and students with Jamaica

GCC students will have the chance to learn about the culture and people of Jamaica under a new program developed by Dean Hyrum H. Huskey, Jr. in cooperation with the University of Texas at Austin. The Cultural Awareness Experience will allow two members of the college community to spend the first two weeks in January, 1989 in a "mini Peace Corps" experience in Jamaica.

Participants will spend two weeks living with Jamaican families in Lucea,

on the northwest coast of Jamaica. Opportunities will be provided for local site visits, study seminars on various issues relating to underdeveloped countries, and participation in projects within the town itself.

The Greenfield Community College Foundation has provided funds for the program, and the college plans to send one staff or faculty member as one of the first two participants to provide continuity for the program in the future. Next

year, the program is expected to be partially funded, and student participants will pay a portion of their own costs.

In a world that has become increasingly interdependent, an out-of-country experience has the potential to aid students in their own career development, emotional growth, and recognition of their own roles as world citizens, Huskey says.

Through their experiences in an economically deprived country, Huskey says, students will gain insights into the contrast between the United States and other parts of the world. The program is another component of the College's efforts to enhance intercultural awareness. The College also has an International Students Club and currently has 19 international students attending the college on student visas.

GCC and HCC co-sponsor intersession tour of Japan, China and Thailand

George Bluh is off to the Orient again, and he's inviting interested members of the College community to go along. Greenfield and Holyoke community colleges will sponsor Bluh's intersession tour of Asia, departing on December 26 and returning on January 11, 1989. The tour, entitled The Asian Traveler, will be led by Bluh, who is an associate professor in the Humanities Division.

Bluh says the itinerary was especially designed to provide the traveler a sense of the scope of Asian cultures. The tour will visit Asia's major cultural zones, Japan, China, and Thailand, and

focus on areas of special cultural interest within each of those countries.

The Japanese phase of the tour will focus on the Kyoto-Nata region; the China phase will focus on the Shanghai and Hangzhou-Guilin areas. A visit to Hong Kong will point out some sharp contrasts between China and the old crown colony, and the Thailand phase will focus on Bangkok and the surrounding area.

For more information, contact Bluh at G.C.C., or telephone (413) 863-4483, or the Division of Continuing Education offices at either Greenfield Community College or Holyoke Community College.

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year under the state's tuition retention plan, and these funds will be used to pay

the salaries of part-time faculty who would not otherwise have been hired. Tuition paid to Massachusetts public colleges generally goes directly to the state in partial payment of the established budgets, but the Board of Regents this year negotiated for the increase to remain at the colleges and universities in an attempt to offset some of the schools' budget problems.

Though college trustees reluctantly approved the budget at their August meeting, they were also vigorous in their protests to the legislature for reducing the College's ability to continue to offer the educational programs for which it is recognized.

Library welcomes new users

Library Director Pegge Howland encourages all GCC alumni and retirees to use the resources of the College Library for personal research or work on advanced degrees. The Greenfield Community College Library collections are available to all Massachusetts residents over high school age and the same four-week lending privilege applies to everyone, regardless of enrollment status.

The college's special collections, which are especially valuable resources frequently used by alumni or retirees, include The Pioneer Valley Resource Center, The Archibald MacLeish Collection, The Yankee-Rowe Local Public Document Collection and the State Data Center Census Material. For more information, contact Howland at 774-3131, ext. 280, or Carol Letson, special collections librarian, at ext. 285.

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College courses focus on lives and experiences of women

GCC currently offers several courses relating to the lives and experiences of women, and at least one section of three courses is offered most semesters. Both English 247: Women in Literature-19th Century and English 248: Women in Literature-20th Century examine important literature by and about women from a rich variety of backgrounds.

Both courses explore the study of literature from a woman's viewpoint and can help students gain perspective on their own lives and broaden their understanding of experiences, thoughts and feelings of others. The courses were designed by now-retired Professor Virginia Low.

Psychology 225: Psychology of Women,

focuses on the psychological developmental issues of women. Anne Wiley and Ellie Goodman developed the course, which examines the male bias in psychological theories and explores the behavior and personality of women through their own eyes.

Through the exploration of these issues, students may understand the common human concerns facing both men and women. The course is currently being taught in both the day and evening divisions each semester.

The instructors of all the courses encourage both men and women to explore the myths and realities that have shaped and continue to shape women's lives.

ALUMNI UPDATE

Nancy Burke (GCC '81) was recently named "Employee of the Year" by the town of Greenfield... **Norman Russell** was featured in a recent Greenfield Recorder article about the fate of the hippies of the sixties. Russell, who also attended Amherst College and the University of Massachusetts, was reportedly alive and well and living in Ashfield. He served as project director for a public television documentary based on interviews with veterans called "Fathers and Sons." (The documentary featured former Greenfield resident **Al Oickle**.)

Paulette "Polly" Billiel (GCC '70) has been named Franklin County Field Director of the Western Massachusetts Girl Scout's Council...

WEDDING BELLS GALORE recently for **Marguerite Waterman** (GCC '84) and **Gerald Hulett**... **Tina Szulborski** and **Daniel Nelson**... **Wiesia Brynda** and **Craig Nye**... **Wendi W. Mattis** (GCC '84) and **Mark Hogan**... **Sandra Tombs** (GCC '80) and **Richard P. Wrona**... **Karen D. Withers** and **Robert M. Davis**... **Tami J. Nelson** (GCC '85) and **John Bresnahan**... **Leesa Seaman** (GCC '86) and **John Lesenski**... **Deborah Raphael** and **Timothy Bryant**... **Rachel Folta** and **John McGill**... **Sheryl Hunter** (GCC '78) and **Paul Platek**... **Holly**

Hudson (GCC '87) and **John Ledger**... **AND IN THE FUTURE FOR:** **Lucy Wilder** and **Alexander Martin** (GCC '76)... **Katherine A. Kaminsky** and **George A. Wilson**... **Karen J. Phillips** (GCC '79) of Northampton was named the first annual recipient of the 1988 Outstanding Continuing Education Student Award, given by the National University Continuing Education Association. Phillips graduated cum laude this year from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst... **Bob Dean** (GCC '83, Connecticut College '85), is manager of Springbrook Family Camping Area in Shelburne. He is also on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association of Campground Owners (MACO), and is chairman of the legislation committee... Four 1988 graduates of the Business Microcomputer Applications Training Program are now working full time using their computer skills. They are: **Clara Benoit**, who is working at the Veteran's Hospital in Northampton; **Rhea Counsineau**, who is working at Professional Management Services in West Springfield; and **Judith LaFogg** and **Lucia Thornton**, who are working in the Customer Services Department at Phoenix Mutual Insurance Company in Greenfield.

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twelfth annual Smokeout. For info, contact Health Service.

17 Sister Anne (an open rehearsal with commentary by composer Elam Sprenkle), performed by the Annapolis Brass Quintet and the Western Wind Singers. **SPECIAL PREMIERE PERFORMANCE!** Music Room SO1, 11 a.m. Free!

30 Concert: Amandla, a forty-voice local chorus, will perform South African freedom songs under the direction of Eveline MacDougall, college cafeteria, 12 noon.

DECEMBER

9 Annual Christmas Party and Carol Sing: Tune up your vocal chords and join George Soulos and the chorus in song. College cafeteria, 12 noon.

10 Careers in Outdoor Programs Conference: Representatives from several agencies and organizations in the Northeast will participate in job fair, and leaders in the field will present workshops and seminars. Cost: \$25. For information, contact the Outdoor Leadership Program at ext. 349.



Listen for more events on the Greenfield Community College calendar, each Monday and Tuesday on WHAI and WRSI.



FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

WELCOME to new Learning Assistance Programs Director Barbara E. McColgan of Northfield, who takes over from Garrett McAuliffe... **EXPLORING FRANKLIN COUNTY** is the title of geology prof. **Richard Little's** new book, due out in January. Cognoscenti who would like to get the first copies off the press may do so at a discount by pre-ordering the book for \$7.50 postpaid (and autographed too!) from Valley Geology Publications, 36 Plantation Circle, Greenfield, MA 01301. Dick's previous book, **Dinosaurs, Dunes and Drifting Continents**, is a highly-regarded guide to local lore, and is also available for \$7.50 postpaid... Also new and in print, is **Bob Merriam's** "miniature" book on Helen Childs Boyden, wife of legendary Deerfield Academy Headmaster Frank Boyden... **CONGRATULATIONS** to English prof **Richard Wizansky** for his recent grant award from the Vermont Council on the

Humanities. The grant will fund an interdisciplinary reading/lecture/media presentation at the Brattleboro Public Library entitled "Body Language." The series will include speakers from Dartmouth, UMass, Smith and Brandeis.... Outdoor Leadership Program coordinator **Larry Buell** is just back from the U.S.S.R., where he participated in the U.S.-U.S.S.R. Bridges for Peace program. Larry is hoping to develop a program to send OLP graduates on exchanges with the Soviet Union. Security chief **Valorie Knowlton** and her husband Richard are building a new home in Gill, and hope to be moved in by Christmas... Director of Nursing **Margaret Craig** was honored at the Annual Awards Banquet held during the Massachusetts Nurses Association Convention on October 27 at the Sheraton Tara in Braintree. Craig was awarded the MNA Honorary Membership Award, which recognizes outstand-

ing participation in the professional association... Art prof **Tom Young's** photos are included in an exhibition entitled *Cross Currents/Cross Country*, which features works by photographers from Massachusetts and San Francisco. The exhibit, which was on display at the Bank of Boston Gallery in October, travels this fall to the Camerawork Gallery in San Francisco... **FROM THE FIFTEEN MINUTES OF FAME FILE:** **TEME** coordinators **Greg Vouros** and **Dan LaRose** were featured in a recent *New York Times* article about a joint program between TEME and the Mass. Migrant Workers Program. Since then they have received letters from around the country inquiring about the program... **Carolyn Nims** was the subject of a recent article in *Dance Teacher Now* magazine. The mag called Nims "The Johnny Appleseed of Ballroom Dance," and lauded her for her work as a travelling ballroom dance teacher...

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